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1. AT ONE POINT DURING THE FINAL DAYS OF THE LOYA JIRGAH (NATIONAL CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY) AN ARTICLE WAS ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION THAT STATED THAT THE DOCUMENT WOULD COME INTO FORCE WHEN SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT. ON FEBRUARY 24 PRESIDENT DAOUD SIGNED THE NEW CONSTITUTION IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS CABINET AND "MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE".

2. COMMENT: WHILE IT IS SOMEWHAT ANOMALOUS THAT A PRESIDENT WHO WAS ELECTED UNDER THE NEW CONSTITUTION SHOULD BRING THE CONSTITUTION INTO FORCE WITH HIS SIGNATURE, THIS MAY SIGNIFY NO MORE THAN A DESIRE FOR A CEREMONIALLY DEFINITIVE TEXT OF THE DOCUMENT. IT ALSO SERVES TO EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE THE LOYA JIRGAH IS THE NATIONAL INSTITUTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR MATTERS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, POWER ULTIMATELY RESIDES WITH THE PRESIDENT.
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